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REMARKS

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1. The reorganization of Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 2311 Leipzig I on Olbrichtstrasse and Viertelsweg, Leipzig, began in early January 1952. Except for the 7th Sonderabteilung (Arnd), the Zuge of the Sonderabteilungen, which still existed, were administratively assigned to the individual infantry Abteilungen but continued their training schedules within the framework of the Sonderabteilungen and retained their previous organizational structure. * The infantry Kommandos were organized into the headquarters, 1 battery and 3 infantry Abteilungen. The infantry Abteilungen consisted of the headquarters, 3 rifle companies, 1 signal Zug, 1 engineer Zug, 1 mortar Zug and 1 heavy machine gun Zug. ** The rifle company was organized into 3 Züge with 3 squads to each Zug. The signal Zug consisted of the platoon leader, the radio squad with 1 NCO and 4 police and the telephone squad with 1 NCO and 4 police. Heavy weapons observed with the VPD included 6 guns of various caliber, 1 T-34 tank, 1 German armored reconnaissance car and 1 armored ammunition prime mover. ***
2. In late 1951, a target range was established in a shed 30 meters long at the installation on Viertelsweg. Firing at a dummy village and moving targets, 20 to 30 centimeters large, was practiced there with guns and from the tank with mounted sub-caliber tubes.
3. The following officers of the VPD were known by last name and rank

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VP Inspekteur Holz
 VP Kommandeur Arnold
 VP Kommandeur Staerkor
 VP Kommandeur Brandis
 VP Oberrat Zingelmann
 VP Oberrat Jackel

Commanding officer
 Deputy commanding officer and PK chief
 Director of training
 Chief instructor of armored training
 Signal-communications officer
 Commanding officer of 1st Kom ando prior to 20 February 1952 when he was transferred to an undetermined post
 Chief of staff of the 1st Kom ando
 Deputy commanding officer and PK chief of the 1st Abteilung of the 1st Kom ando
 Commanding officer of the signal Zug of the 1st Abteilung

VP Oberkommissar Dummer
 VP Unterkommissar Hacke

VP Unterkommissar Ulrich

4. The installation on Olbrichtstrasse housed the headquarters of the VPD, the 1st through 3d Infantry Kom andos and the 2d and 3d Sonderabteilungen, while the

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installation on Viertelweg housed the 4th Artillery Kommando and the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Sonderabteilung.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that the Sonderabteilungen still exist as cadre units rather than being entirely merged in the Kommandos. It is possible that individual squads and Zuege of the Sonderabteilungen are only occasionally assigned to the Kommandos and Abteilungen.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The organization of the infantry Abteilungen as stated in the present report agrees with the statements of another VP officer.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. The equipment with heavy weapons of the VPD in Leipzig I is the same as prior to the reorganization. The other VPDs have not received additional weapons either. The heavy weapons equipment continues to be limited to the barest necessities of training.

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